

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1-13. **(cancelled)**.

Claim 14. **(previously presented)**. An image display apparatus comprising:

a polarization converting element which converts a polarization state of light from a light source;

a condensing optical system which converts light from the polarization converting element to a converging light;

a color separation optical system which comprises a color separation optical member reflecting a first light in a first wavelength range of the converging light and transmitting a second light in a second wavelength range of the converging light;

a plurality of image display devices illuminated by a plurality of color light separated by the color separation optical system; and

an outer box which contains the polarization converting element, condensing optical system, color separation optical system and plurality of image display devices,

wherein a first wall surface closest to the color separation optical member among wall surfaces of the outer box is substantially parallel to an outer edge, which closer to the first wall surfaces, of the converging light incident on the color separation optical member.

Claim 15 **(cancelled)**.

Claim 16 (**previously presented**). The image display apparatus according to claim 14, wherein an optical axis of the converging light is non-parallel with respect to the first wall surface.

Claim 17 (**previously presented**). The image display apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising two fly-eye lenses arranged between the light source and the polarization converting element.

Claim 18 (**previously presented**). The image display apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a color combination optical system which combines light components from the plurality of image display apparatus.

Claim 19 (**previously presented**). The image display apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a projection optical system which projects light from the plurality of image display devices,

wherein an optical axis of the projection optical system is substantially parallel to two wall surfaces of the outer box.

Claim 20 (**previously presented**). An image display system comprising:  
the image display apparatus according to claim 14; and  
an image information supply apparatus which supplies image information to the image display apparatus.

Claims 21-23 (**cancelled**).

Claim 24 (**currently amended**). An image display apparatus comprising:  
a plurality of image display devices;  
a polarization converting element which converts a polarization state of light from a light source;

a condensing optical system which converts light from the polarization converting element to a converging light and superposes the converging light on the image display devices;

a color separation optical system which comprises a color separation optical member reflecting a first light in a first wavelength range of the converging light and transmitting a second light in a second wavelength range of the converging light;

a color combination optical system which combines light components from the image display devices;

a projection optical system which projects light from the color combination optical system; and

a reflector which guides a part of light from the light source to the polarization converting element;

wherein an angle between an optical axis of light from the light source to the reflector and is inclined with respect to an optical axis of the projection optical system is larger than 0 degrees and is smaller than 45 degrees.

**Claim 25 (previously presented).** An image display system comprising:  
the image display apparatus according to claim 24; and  
an image information supply apparatus which supplies image information to the image display apparatus.

**Claim 26 (currently amended).** An image display apparatus comprising:  
a plurality of image display devices;  
an illumination optical system which illuminates the image display devices by using light from a light source;  
a projection optical system which projects light from the image display devices; and

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a reflector which reflects a part of light from the light source and guides the part of light to the illumination optical system;

wherein an angle between an optical axis of light from the light source to the reflector and is inclined with respect to an optical axis of the projection optical system is larger than 0 degrees and is smaller than 45 degrees.

Claim 27 (**previously presented**). An image display system comprising:

the image display apparatus according to claim 26; and

an image information supply apparatus which supplies image information to the image display apparatus.